



WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Every semester, as we welcome new students to ELSPM we like to give our readers a brief look at who they are and where they come from. The students featured in this edition joined the ELSPM family in January. Each is unique in their calling to Christian ministry, often through religious life, and each is recognised with their own gifts and talents. I am sure you will enjoy reading their stories.



CONGRATULATIONS!

In February Br Thanakrit (Pong) made his final profession as a Redemptorist. Pong is from Thailand and completed his English studies at ELSPM before continuing with his theological studies at YTU.

“Father I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me.” Jn 11:41-42



CONGRATULATIONS!

In March Br Tin Minh Trinh SVD made his final vows and ordination to the Diaconate. Tin began his studies at ELSPM when he first arrived in Australia in 2016, going on to complete English for Academic Purposes and then his theological studies at YTU.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.” Jn 15:16



In the next edition of E-News we will share with you the wonderful experience of a musical event at ELSPM when each community presented an item.

A fun day was had by all.





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Hello everybody!

My name is Thu. I come from DongNai province, belonging to the south of Vietnam. My family has six members. There is my parents, three old brothers and me. I am only girl in my family and I am really happy and peaceful.

My parents are farmers and three my old brothers are workers in the company. Actually, my family is the cradle of my faith life. In my family, I love my mother, because she always diligently in the work, love, sacrifices, patiently and takes care of her family members. And she is not only taught me to live my faith but also how to behave and to do housework. So, I admire her and I love her so much.

Generally, Vietnam is a country diversity and safety. It includes both natural landscapes and many different ethnic groups. After years of war, this country is now safe and secure for travelers. There are many beautiful places in my country but Da Lat is considered the most famous. This is where I lived during my initial formation for the consecrated life. Here, I really like the climate, people and tourist places. I feel very happy.



Hi! My name is Nang, I come from Vietnam. There's a lot of beautiful scenery. My family has 8 people: my parents, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and me. But now my family in Vietnam have 2 brothers and 1 sister. The 2 brothers have a small family and my sister is alone. My home arrives at church and school. Weather, it is good, not too hot, and not too cold.

“It is a good place to grow up”

Editor's note

Nang arrived in Melbourne with his parents just before the Covid-19 pandemic. His sister and her husband have been here for many years. He has had little chance to learn English until recently.

Nang is a talented musician and is enjoying coming to classes at Box Hill. He is close to the MSC community in Blackburn and is exploring his vocation with them.



I am Tuyet Trinh. I come from Cua Lo town, Nghe An province, belonging to a center in Vietnam. That so, I have a lot of memory of beautiful sights there. Every year, in summer, there are many traditional festivals there. For example, Boat drive festival, Sing folk music, Rock the boat music festival. These festivals help bring enjoyment to visitors.

My house is near the beach so that my family works fishing. We were always fishing on the beach by small boat. We start at 4 a.m and come back in the middle day. After that, we bring fish, shrimp... to sell, which is beneficial during the day. If still have a little, we use them that food for the family.

My family has four brothers and me. All of my brothers know swimming, driving the boat but not me. My mother says it is too dangerous.

However, during the time of childhood, I was an assistant to help my parent. Until now, I have a lot of memory about the sea, the sense and enjoy when I swim with my friends.

I hope that, if you travel you can come to Vietnam, and have a chance to visit my village – Cua Lo beach.





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My name is Kinh RNDM I was born and grew up in a family with 2 older sisters, 2 younger brothers and 3 younger sisters in Ninh Binh province, the North of Viet Nam.

My father is a humorous, responsible and cheerful person. My mother is gentle, courage and simple person. Two of my older sisters, younger brother next to me and two younger sisters next to him got married. A younger sister is a nun, belong to the congregation of Nha Trang's Carmel. The youngest brother is a student.

My parents are simple farmers. Even though, they have to work hard, but they take care of their children very well. I lived in a friendly parish with a young, creative priest.

My hometown have a lot of beautiful areas such as Phat Diem cathedral, Bai Dinh pagoda, Hoa Lu ancient capital. Most people are farmers so that they are very kind and work hard. I love the roads run belong to the rivers and large the fields.

In my hometown, motorbikes and bicycle are main of transports. Every spring come, I usually take my mother on a motorbike go to marketplace to prepare something for Tet holiday. So I do love my family and my hometown and I always give thanks to God.

My name is Sulita SsPS and I am originally a Fijian from the Northern part of Fiji. I grew up not in my village but in a small settlement not far from the main village. We are eight altogether in the family and one of us has passed away together with my dad. So, we are left with our mother who is seventy-nine years old. My mum was a housewife taking care of us and dad was a farmer. I grew up in a small family community so it was easy getting along with my other cousins. I enjoyed living in our community where we have access to a good water source eating organic fruits, vegetables and also my dad would go fishing or buy fish from the market.

We have a tropical climate and there are two major seasons in each year. One is from the middle of November to the middle of April and the other is from the middle of April to the middle of November. The first season we would expect rain or even hurricanes but sometimes that would change due to changing weather patterns now. So, the other season is dry and always good weather conditions but sometimes that weather is also changing.

My small community does not have anything to do with tourist attractions so we don't normally have tourists in my community. There are other places in the island that are visited by tourists. So, special gatherings or dances or celebrations are for our own family.



My name is Mai RNDM. I was born in Ninh Binh Province but I grow up in Lam Dong so I consider Lam Dong as my second home. Ninh Binh is the North in Vietnam but Lam Dong is the south. Lam Dong is very beautiful. There are many mountains and hills. They are covered with the green color of coffee and tea trees. This place is suitable for relax and tourists, because in there have many beauty and scene. Lam Dong have Dalat City, this place is famous with a lot of flowers especially in the festival and Tet holiday, you can look at the flowers as much you like. This place also have many interesting natural tourist places like Cong Troi, Love Hill and Thanh Tam Pagoda.

The people in my country are very gentle quiet and hospitable.

They work hard and are friendly. My country have two seasons in year, raining season and sunny season. The rain is from June to December. This time, the weather is very wet, cold and it always rains in afternoon, the sky not clear, in the morning have a lot of fog but in the sunny season the sky is very high, blue and clear. interesting in morning but the middle day the weather it hot but This time you can go everywhere, it's convenient you can go to the mountains, you can go camping without fear of raining. I love my country so much.





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Thank you for sharing your stories. We hope to hear from past students as well. Let us know where you are and what you are doing.

We all love our hometown where we grew up and we have lots of things to remember and be proud of. I am Hung SVD. I come from the highlands of Vietnam called Dak Lak province.

First of all, I love the sight-seeing in our place. There are a lot of high mountains. At the top of the mountains are statues of Saint Maria, Saint Joseph and Buddha. Some of these are famous places to visit.

I grew up in a farming family. I learnt a lot of things from my parents. My dad taught me how to plant the trees. I learnt to cook simple dishes from my mum.

Dak Lak is famous for coffee trees. During the flower blooming season it looks very beautiful. It looks like a snow-field or snow-mountain. I love roaming in the coffee fields. Ban-Don is one of the places to visit and experience adventure when you climb on the back of an elephant then cross by the river. After that a visitor could try special food. I love my hometown. It is a remarkable place to live.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Yegi - March 1

Dung- March 15

Vi - March 16

Tai - March 26

Thair Sheikh - March 29

Michelle - April 1

